

WELCOME

6th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten
Sunday, July 20, 2025

OUR MISSION

Jesus Christ calls American Lutheran Church to nourish the world by faithfully sharing His gifts.

Praise God that we can worship together! We pray you will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and strengthened in the faith that trusts in our Lord Jesus Christ and praises him for the gift of our salvation. Peace be with you!

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Introduction to the day

Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Welcome to worship, we’re glad you’re here! If you do not have a church home, please know that you are welcome to make this your church home.

God’s blessings to you!

PRELUDE by Shirley Berman
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* (WOV 718)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 204)

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The reading may be announced:
A reading from Genesis.

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, “My lord, if I find favor with

you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
⁹ They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a} Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,**
who speak the truth from their heart; R
³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be l overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

The reading may be announced:
A reading from Colossians.

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the begin-

ning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 205)
Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42
During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.
The gospel is announced.
The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named

Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON
The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat (WOV 711)*

CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
RESPONSE TO PETITIONS: God, of mercy, **Hold us in love.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING (Hymn ELW 186)
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to

me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourWe give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and **✝** give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Listen, God Is Calling: (WOV 712)*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any announcements need to be placed in the file on the church office door by Wednesday evening. Articles for THE LAMP are due in the office by noon on the second Wednesday of each month.

Starting in July, services at American Lutheran Church will be held on Sundays at 9:00 am and Praise Worship at 4:00 pm.

VBS– True North August 3-7
6:00-8:00pm



Land-o-Corn Pavilion, Young Street

Entering Pre-K to 4th Grade

Volunteers needed 6th grade on up!

See Christy Phillips for more information.(319-822-4267)

**** Shhh... It’s a Secret!****

A special milestone is coming up for a very special lady in our church family — **Dar Thompson is turning 95 on July 28th!**

Her son Rory would love to **surprise her with a card shower**, and we think it’s a wonderful idea! Dar loves getting mail — the real kind, not the junk or bills she usually finds in the mailbox.

If sending cards is your thing and you have a minute, we invite you to brighten her birthday with a note or greeting. Cards sent early are just fine — her daughter will keep them tucked away until the big day.

Send cards to:
Dar Thompson
424 7th St.
Jesup, Iowa 50648

Let’s help make this a birthday Dar won’t forget, **but remember, it’s a surprise!**

Help Feed Local Families This Summer

The Jesup Ministerial Association is continuing its mission to support families in need through our **Summer Food Program** — and **we have just two distribution dates left: July 23 and August 6.**

ALC is making a big impact, and we’re so grateful for your help! To finish strong, we are still in need of:

- **12 more boxes of instant oatmeal**
- **13 more cans of fruit**

Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the lower narthex. Every item helps us fill food boxes that make a real difference in our community.
Thank you for bringing hope to the table!

ELECTRONIC GIVING IT’S EASY!

Keep ALC in Your Summer Plans – Even When You’re Away! *Summer can get busy with vacations, family events, and weekends away—but your faithful support of American Lutheran Church doesn’t have to take a break.*



Simply Giving is an easy, no-stress way to continue your tithes and offerings, even when you’re not in the pews. Whether you choose one-time or recurring donations, you can set up giving on a schedule that works for you. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or download the Vanco Mobile app to get started today.

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday July 20th

9 am Worship with Communion

4pm Praise Worship

Sunday July 27th

9am Worship with Communion

4pm Praise Worship

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance 07/13/2025

8:30am 24 4pm 8

Attendance July 6/29-25

9am 18 4pm 10

Current Balance **June 30**

Checking: \$2209.85

Improvement Fund: \$49,126.83

Savings: \$41,357.86

Offering: **7/13/2025**

Current: \$1325

Benevolence: \$170

Improvement: \$525

ALC Youth \$100

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Military members: Military members:

Christa Leach has returned from deployment and is still with the 434th Air Force Reserve Unit in Grissom, Indiana. Jordan and Justin continue their monthly drills with the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Jeryn Loyd is a student at Iowa State and currently home from Arkansas in the Army Reserves as Cassidee and Cole. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Bill & Barb Schneider

Deacon: Amber Reuter

Reader: Keaton Lysne

Fellowship Host: Mary Adams

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